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### No. 4 of 1954

An Act to repeal the Meters and Gas Act, 1881 and to amend the Gas Act, 1924-1950.

[Assented to 9th September, 1954.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the " Gas Act Amendment Act, 1954 ". Short titles.

(2) The Gas Act, 1924-1950, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the " Gas Act, 1924-1954 ".

(3) The Gas Act, 1924-1950, is hereinafter called " the principal Act ".

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is enacted in lieu thereof :— Repeal of s. 4 of the principal Act and enactment of other provisions—

4. The Meters and Gas Act, 1881 is repealed. Repeal of Meters and Gas Act, 1881.

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following definition :— Amendment of s. 5 of principal Act—

" gas supplier " means—

(a) The South Australian Gas Company ; and Interpretation.

- (b) any other company, body, or person declared by proclamation under section 5a of this Act to be a gas supplier within the meaning of this Act.

Enactment of  
s. 5a of the  
principal Act—  
Proclamation  
of gas  
suppliers.

5. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 5 thereof :—

5a. The Governor may by proclamation—

- (a) declare that any person, company or other body who or which supplies gas to the public by means of pipes laid on to or connected with premises of consumers shall be a gas supplier within the meaning of this Act ;
- (b) declare that any person, company or other body who or which has been so proclaimed as a gas supplier shall cease to be a gas supplier within the meaning of this Act.

Amendment of  
s. 7 of  
principal Act—  
Inspectors.

6. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by striking out the words “ the Company ” in the fifth line and inserting in lieu thereof the words “ any gas supplier ” ;
- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following passage :—  
Every person holding office as a gas examiner or inspector of meters under this section at the time of the passing of the Gas Act Amendment Act, 1954, shall have authority under this Act to test gas supplied by any gas supplier and to inspect the meters of any gas supplier.

Amendment of  
s. 19 of  
principal Act—  
Meters to be  
tested and  
stamped.

7. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by striking out the words “ the Company ” in the second line of subsection (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the words “ a supplier ” ;
- (b) by inserting therein after subsection (2) the following subsection :—  
(2a) Every meter issued by a gas supplier and in use on the premises of any consumer at the time when that gas supplier is proclaimed as such under this Act, shall within seven years after the date of such proclamation, be tested as prescribed and if found accurate be stamped as prescribed.

- (c) by striking out the words "the Company" in the first line of subsection (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "a gas supplier".

8. Section 55 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting after the word "but" in the fourth line of subsection (1) the words "the cost of administering this Act in relation to each gas supplier";
- (b) by striking out the words "the Company" in the fourth line of subsection (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such gas supplier";
- (c) by striking out the words "the Company" in the second line of subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "each gas supplier";
- (d) by striking out the words "purposes of this Act" in the fourth line of subsection (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "administration of this Act in relation to such gas supplier";
- (e) by striking out the words "The Company" in the first line of subsection (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Every gas supplier";
- (f) by striking out the words "the Company" in the second line of subsection (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such gas supplier".

Amendment of  
s. 55 of  
principal Act—  
Expenses of  
administra-  
tion.

9. The principal Act is further amended in the manner set out in the schedule to this Act.

Consequential  
amendments  
of principal  
Act.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.

## THE SCHEDULE.

## CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS OF GAS ACT, 1924-1950.

Section or Subsection.	Line.	Amendment.
8	8	Strike out " the Company " and insert " any gas supplier ".
9	4	Strike out " the company " (first occurring) and insert " any gas supplier ". Strike out " the Company " (second occurring) and insert " every gas supplier ".
	7 and 8	Strike out " the mains and pipes of the Company " and insert " its mains and pipes ".
	9 and 10	Strike out " the Company " and insert " it ".
12	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
13 (1)	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
13 (2)	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
13 (3)	2	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
	3 and 4	Strike out " Company " and insert " gas supplier ".
	5 and 6	Strike out " Company " and insert " gas supplier ".
	10	Strike out " the Company " and insert " that gas supplier ".
	13	Strike out " the Company " and insert " that gas supplier ".
15	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " Every gas supplier ".
16	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
16 (1)	3	After " apparatus " insert " provided by such gas supplier " ; after " gas " insert " supplied by such gas supplier ".
16 (2)	3 and 4	Strike out " Company " (twice occurring) and insert " gas supplier ".
17	2	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
17	4	Strike out " Company " and insert " gas supplier ".
18 (1)	2	Strike out " the company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
	6	Strike out " the company " and insert " that gas supplier ".
	10	Strike out " the company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
	17	After " supply area " insert " in relation to the Company ".
	21	After " Port Pirie " insert " and in relation to any other gas supplier means the whole of the area supplied from any one works of such gas supplier ".
18 (2)	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
	3	Strike out " company " and insert " gas supplier ".
18 (3)	1	Strike out " The Company " and insert " A gas supplier ".
	4	Strike out " the company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
18 (4)	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
20	2	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
	4 and 6	Strike out " company " (twice occurring) and insert " gas supplier ".
21	—	Strike out the whole section and insert the following :— 21. Where a meter issued by a gas supplier and in use on the premises of a consumer is on being tested found to be inaccurate the gas supplier shall forthwith remove the meter at the expense of such supplier.
23	1	Strike out " the Company " and insert " a gas supplier ".
	10	Strike out " Company " and insert " gas supplier ".
25	6 and 8	Strike out " Company " and insert " gas supplier ".
First Schedule Part II. and Part III.	1	Strike out " the Company " in the first line of Part II. and the first line of Part III. and insert in each case the words " a gas supplier ".